Barclay: At the CORESTA task force meeting held in London on Thursday, BAT conceded that all current studies carried out under the CORESTA mandate demonstrate that the Swiss Barclay should be ranked at 5 mg tar. The minutes of the meeting record also that the CORESTA group will seek a testing holder for channel ventilated cigarettes which produces a result consistent with these studies. If the holder is not developed before the planned September study group meeting in Switzerland, BAT agrees that CORESTA should adopt the DIN Vornorm averaging method used in West Germany and Norway. This concession should end the controversy within the industry over the method of testing channel ventilated cigarettes. As a result, PM has indicated that it is prepared to drop its claim for damages in the Swiss litigation.

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